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Submitted Through FOIA Public Access Link (PAL)

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

Re: Freedom of Information Act Request regarding EPA employee communications

Dear Freedom of Information Act Officer:

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552, The Downs Law Group (“DLG”) requests records¹ regarding the following information, or access to it for inspection or duplication, which are in possession of or generated by the EPA. DLG requests email communications, and their corresponding attachments, of EPA Administrators Lisa Jackson and Regina McCarthy; and Deputy Administrators Scott Fulton, Robert “Bob” Perciasepe, and Stan Meiburg identified using the below search terms and Boolean search strings during the stated time periods.

1. Between April 20, 2012, and March 1, 2016, that may be located and identified by searching for
 - a. pboehm@exponent.com;
 - b. “Boehm”;
 - c. “Distribution and Attenuation of Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons in Gulf of Mexico Seawater from the Deepwater Horizon Oil Accident”;
 - d. “Boehm” AND “API” OR “American Petroleum Institute”;
 - e. “Boehm” AND “Paustenbach”; and
2. Between April 20, 2010, and April 20, 2012, that may be located and identified by searching for “Paustenbach” AND “API” OR “American Petroleum Institute”.

We also request information regarding the email addresses assigned to all current and former EPA employees listed above, including all email addresses associated with each individual, the dates those emails were active, and any policies identifying transitions from one email address to another.

Please provide the information in native format and original electronic format as it is kept in the ordinary course of business. If any records are not searchable using the Boolean search strings, please identify those records and detail what search methodologies may be used instead. If zero records are identified using based on any of the above specifications, please identify which custodian and/or

¹ Records shall include electronic records, as defined by the FOIA, of official and unofficial reports, meeting notes, emails, and other communications/ correspondence, along with records in any other media, such as photos and videos, related to the requested information.

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search term(s) used yielded zero records. If any records are unavailable due to record retention parameters, please identify the unavailable records and provide the record retention policies relied upon.

For purposes of fee determination, please note I work for The Downs Law Group, a law firm that represents numerous BP Oil Spill response workers and Gulf Coast residents who have filed lawsuits alleging medical claims against BP for its negligence during 2010. This information could be highly relevant to our litigation and is a matter of interest to the public. DLG is willing to pay fees for this request up to a maximum of \$500. If you estimate that the fees will exceed this limit, please provide the estimated costs associated with each search broken down by record custodian, search term, and year.

Respectfully,

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